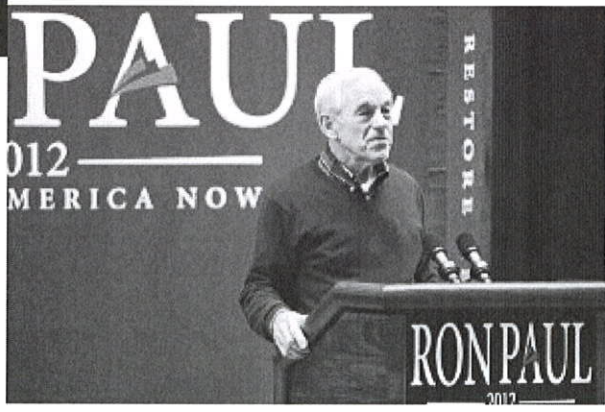
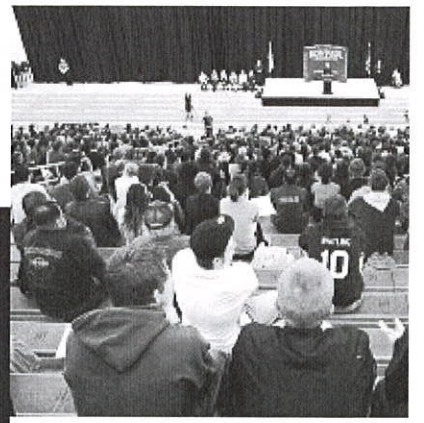
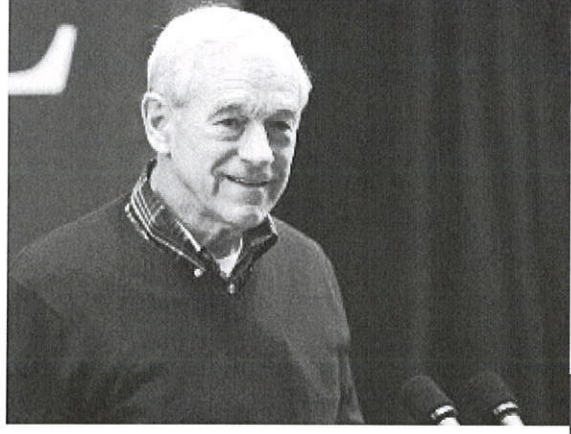


# Ron Paul makes

## second stop in Moscow

Candidate hopes for success in Idaho



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Audience members listen presidential candidate Ron Paul while U.S. Paul speaks at the Kibbie Dome in Moscow on Monday.

News while U.S. Paul speaks at

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Republican presidential candidate and Texas Congressman Ron Paul spent part of Super Tuesday Eve at the University of Idaho, where he spoke to a crowd about twice as big as the one that attended a similar Feb. 17 rally in Moscow.

More than 2,000 people attended Monday's town hall meeting, where Paul spoke for about half an hour before taking several questions from both the public and members of the media. He also spoke to audiences in Sandpoint and Idaho Falls on Monday before heading to Nampa, Idaho, and Fargo, N.D., today.

Paul encouraged attendees at the UI to participate in today's Idaho Republican caucus, which begins at 7 p.m. at four locations in Latah County - Moscow Junior High School,

Troy High School, the Kendrick firehouse and the Palouse River Community Center in Princeton.

He said many people who haven't participated in politics for decades are starting to become active again because they're realizing that it is possible to change the way the federal government works - it will just take time.

"It's not going to end tomorrow or the next day," he said of the nation's woes, adding that the last four years have been a "turning point" for public awareness about the mess the country has gotten itself into.

Paul said America has shifted from a government of the people to a government controlled by society's elites, and the other candidates running for president are continuing to promote more of the same status quo.

"The politicians in Washington (D.C.) aren't smart enough to solve your problems - only you are smart enough to solve your own problems," Paul said.

He said a lack of liberty during the past 100 years has gotten the United States into trouble, so he's advocating for a reinstatement of that value into the federal government.

Paul said that's why so many people who are young at heart are supporting his campaign. They have a "young understanding" of liberty and the U.S. Constitution and are willing to return to the principles that founded this nation.

He said it's easy to condemn the current president and his administration for the country's problems, but it's important to remember that federal debt and over-reaching foreign policy didn't come up overnight.

America's prosperity is based on borrowed money, he said, and the U.S. debt crisis could easily become an international debt crisis because so many countries rely on the U.S. dollar. Paul said the U.S. can't just keep printing more and more money without some kind of tangible backing, like the gold standard.

He also railed against what he described as over-regulation and overtaxing of businesses, and he called for a return to a truly free market.

"When we were a much freer society ... we had the largest and wealthiest middle class in the history of the world," Paul said, adding that he wants to see the country restore the economic conditions that helped foster that prosperous middle class.

"We can't do the same things over and over again and expect different results," he said.

Of the people who are opposed to his proposal to audit and eventually disband the Federal Reserve, Paul said "they would like to make us think we're going back to the Dark Ages."

"Let me tell you what's really old fashioned - tyranny," he responded.

Paul said America will be a wealthier, more productive nation if it reduces or eliminates many of the restrictions it places on people and businesses. He said people ought to have God-given rights to keep the fruits of their labor, and it's time to end the culture of free services from cradle to grave.

"(The government has) to take it from somebody if they're going to give it to you," Paul said.

He said his proposal to cut \$1 trillion from the federal budget during his first year in office makes some people nervous "because they may be on the receiving end of that money."

But he told the UI audience that removing \$1 trillion from the government means putting \$1 trillion back into the hands of the American people.

"And you're smarter than the government," he said, eliciting applause from the crowd.

Paul, who said he doesn't plan to run as an independent if he eventually loses the Republican presidential nomination, said he returned to Moscow for a second time because it's "fertile field" with enthusiastic and loud supporters. He said he hopes that enthusiasm works in his favor at the polls today.

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